GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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HEALTH SERVICES IN NORTH EASTERN STATES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the facilities being offered by the North-Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health and Medical Sciences (NEIGRIHMS) to the patients belonging to the marginalised, weaker and vulnerable sections of the society of the North-Eastern States;

(b) whether NEIGRIHMS also imparts various medical courses as an educational institute;

(c) if so, the details of the courses being offered by NEIGRIHMS indicating the validity of such courses; and

(d) the measures taken/proposed by the Government to upgrade NEIGRIHMS on the lines of AIIMS and to fill vacant posts at various levels in the Institute?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a)to(d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.307 FOR 14TH DECEMBER, 2012

The North Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health and Medical Sciences (NEIGRIHMS) is a referral hospital with over 450 beds and the following facilities are provided to all patients including those belonging to marginalized, weaker and vulnerable sections of society :-

i. Tertiary health care services are provided to all patients.

ii. Free emergency services, free OPD, Indoor/ward treatment, including food.

iii. Specialized health care services are provided in Cardiology, CTVS, Oncology, Medicine, Neurology, Urology.

iv. The Institute runs Medical Social Service Units, which helps among other things in evaluation and provision of financial assistance.

v. The Institute provides diagnostic facilities free of charge to the poor patients.

vi. Beneficiaries of Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojna (RSBY) are provided free of cost all medical facilities.

vii. Rastriya Arogya Nidhi and National Illness Assistant Fund Scheme is also availed by these category of patients.

viii. Institute offers both Neonatal Intensive Care Services & Pediatric Intensive care Services for Vulnerable Children.

The following Diagnostic Services were provided during the year 2011-12:

Sl. No.	Investigations and Procedures	No. of Patients
1	Pathology	3,43,306
2	Microbiology	90,846

3 Biochemistry 3,42,794

4 Blood Bank 2,288

5 Radiology 55,897

6 Neurology 1,588

7 Cardiology 14,588

8 Urology 1,615

9 Orthopedics 38,394

10 Gynecology 21,495

User charges are exempted in case of marginalized, weaker and vulnerable sections of the society.

1,66,571 outdoor patients and 14,051 indoor patients were treated by the Institute and 1841 major and 414 minor operations were conducted during the year 2011-12.

The North-Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health and Medical Sciences conducts the following courses in the medical and nursing streams:

1. MBBS - 50 seats

2. MD Anesthesiology - 4 seats

3. MD Microbiology - 2 seats

4. MD Pathology - 2 seats

5. MS Obst.& Gyne. - 2seats

6. B.Sc. Nursing - 50 Seats

MCI recognition has already been obtained in respect of MS (Obst.& Gyane.), MD (Pathology) and MD (Microbiology). In respect of MBBS and MD (Anesthesia), MCI has already been approached for recognition. B.Sc. Nursing was started in 2006 with approval from the Indian Nursing Council.

Development of any medical institute is a continuous process. The North-Eastern Indira Gandhi Institute of Health and Medical Sciences was established in 1987 and a new premises befitting its status and requirements was provided to the Institute in 2006. At present against the total targeted bed capacity of 500, 469 bed capacity has already been achieved. Similarly 23 departments have already been made functional and the institute is expected to eventually grow to have 35 departments/specialties. Continuous efforts are made to fill in the vacant faculty positions and 11 faculty positions were filled in the year 2011. The remaining vacant posts have already been advertised and 162 applications have been received against 80 vacant faculty positions. A new Director has joined in November, 2012. With continuous efforts at all levels, the Institute is expected to eventually grow to the level of AIIMS.